

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-27 WRU-00-37-3019
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued August 10 , 2000)

On May 12, 2000, Primus Telecommunications, Inc. (Primus), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide resold local exchange service in Iowa. According to its application, Primus intends to provide service in the exchanges currently served by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated (Iowa Telecom), and Frontier Communications of Iowa (Frontier). Primus concurs in the current maps of Qwest, Iowa Telecom, and Frontier. Proposed tariffs have not been filed by Primus.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed the application filed by Primus, and finds it has

demonstrated the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Primus.

Primus has stated that it will implement 2-PIC technology for both intraLATA and interLATA dialing parity.

Primus requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts, stating it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). A waiver was also requested of 199 IAC 18.2, which requires utilities to keep all records within the state. Primus represents that it will maintain its books and records at its principal place of business in McLean, Virginia, and states it will make its records promptly available for examination by the Board upon request.

Primus also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1), requiring it to independently publish a directory, stating that it will provide its customer listings to the publishers of directories in each of its service areas.

The Board finds it reasonable to grant Primus its requests for waivers. Based on the nature of the local exchange service Primus will provide, the Board finds that none of these requirements are appropriate at this time. The Board will be able to adequately review the records if it becomes necessary. Until or unless Primus serves a very large number of customers, it is unnecessary for it to publish a separate directory in Iowa.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Primus Telecommunications, Inc., on May 12, 2000, is granted, subject to the requirement that follows.
2. At the time Primus Telecommunications, Inc., files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Primus Telecommunications, Inc., the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing it to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. The concurrence by Primus Telecommunications, Inc., in the service area maps of Qwest Corporation, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, and Frontier Communications of Iowa, is approved.
4. The requests for waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1) are granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of August, 2000.